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SENATOR SIMPSON: In answer to the direct questions, yes, I think this is quite a news event in Nebraska, it's been probably blown completely out of proportion to what it should be taken as, and if anyone including the people from Cable TV want to come in and take some shots, I don't care what they do with them, but I don't want them making a program and selling it.

SPEAKER: Alright, you've heard the motion, this is Senator Simpson's motion to exclude Cable TV from the hearing on the ERA Thursday, if you are in favor of excluding Cable television from this hearing, you will vote yes, if you are opposed, and you desire to permit Cable TV to photograph the hearing, you'll vote no. Senator Carpenter. Senator Carpenter has requested a record vote, there will be a record vote. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: What happened to my substitute motion that I made, to let them all in?

SPEAKER: I didn't know that was a substitute motion, Senator. You, I don't want to in any way interfere with what you desire to do, so you can make that motion following this vote if you so desire? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record, it is a record vote.

CLERK: Record vote (read). 7 ayes, 28 nays, 14 not voting.

SPEAKER: The motion fails. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: So there will be no misunderstanding, I just simply move that they all be allowed to be here, commercial, or Cable or any of them as long as they stay out of the way and don't interfere with the hearing.

SPEAKER: Any discussion on that motion.

SENATOR SYAS: All allowed, not invited I didn't say, all allowed.

SPEAKER: You heard the motion, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President I'd like to ask Senator Syas a question? Senator Syas in your most eloquent way, this is an open meeting.

SENATOR SYAS: That's right.

SENATOR KEYES: In an open meeting we have no right to bar one source of news and invite another in, so what we have been talking about and what we are doing is a waste of time, that we can not discriminate against any news or any TV station, is that right?

SENATOR SYAS: That's true, the only reason that I made the motion and you don't even have to if you don't, but that's the understanding you don't even have to pass it, the only reason I made the motion is so that there would be no, no misunderstanding, that this is an open legislature and anybody can come in and take the shots of this hearing. I know what's in the rules, but I didn't want any misunderstanding to exist. Actually my motion is not needed, if we go by the rules. I think any of them can come in.

SPEAKER: Are you willing to withdraw your motion then?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, if they understand that, that anybody can come in while certainly I am.

SPEAKER: Is there any objections to Senator Syas withdrawing his motion? Hearing none, it is so ordered. Senator Carpenter we - is Senator Carpenter here? We are ready to take up your motion on LB 12.